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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

**Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 13, as follows:**

In order to achieve the above-mentioned objects, a network commerce system of the present invention comprises an orderer terminal handled by an orderer ordering an item or service; a plurality of producing/processing terminals each which is handled by a producer/processor. The producer/processor produces and processes the item or provides a produced and processed item, in accordance with an order from the orderer terminal. The orderer terminal and the producing/processing terminal are interconnected via the network. The network ~~commerce~~ commerce system further comprises a headquarters terminal including a receiver for receiving an order from the orderer terminal transmitted via the network and a transmitter for transmitting the order received by the receiver to a producing/processing terminal via the network. The headquarters terminal selectively determines the producing/processing terminal in accordance with a received order and then makes the selected producing/processing terminal produce and process the item or provide a produced and processed item.

**Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 21, as follows:**

Moreover, the present invention relates to an orderer terminal used in a network commerce system. The network commerce system comprises orderer terminals each handled by an orderer ordering an item or service; a plurality of producing/processing terminals each which is handled by a producer/processor which produces and processes the item or supplies a produced/processed item, in accordance with an order from each of the orderer terminals; and a headquarters terminal. The ~~head-quarters~~ headquarters terminal includes a receiver for

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receiving an order transmitted from an orderer terminal via the network; a transmitter for transmitting an item received by the receiver to a producing/receiving terminal via the network; and means for selectively determining the producing/processing terminal in accordance with a received order and then making the selected producing/processing terminal produce and process the item or supply the produced/processed item. Thus, network commerce is performed between a producing/processing terminal and the headquarters terminal connected via a network.

**Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 16, as follows:**

Moreover, the present invention relates to a payment terminal used in a network commerce system. The network commerce system comprises orderer terminals each handled by an orderer ordering an item or service; a plurality of producing/processing terminals each which is handled by a producer/processor which produces and processes the item or supplies a produced/processed item, in accordance with an order from each of the orderer terminals; and a headquarters terminal. The ~~head-quarters~~ headquarters terminal includes a receiver for receiving an order transmitted from the orderer terminal via the network, a transmitter for transmitting an item received by the receiver to a producing/receiving terminal via the network; means for selectively determining the producing/processing terminal in accordance with a received order and then making the selected producing/processing terminal produce and process the item or supply the produced/processed item; and a payment terminal for paying a purchase charge of the item or service sold or supplied via the orderer terminal. Thus, a network commerce is performed between the orderer terminal and the producing/processing terminal and the headquarters terminal, interconnected via a network.

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**Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 13, as follows:**

Moreover, the present invention relates to a network commerce method, wherein an orderer terminal orders an item or service via, a network and a producing/processing terminal sells the item or provides the service, in accordance with the order. The network ~~commerce~~ commerce method comprises the steps of receiving the order transmitted from the orderer terminal via the network, using a headquarters terminal; selectively determining a producing/processing terminal for the item in accordance with the content of the received order, using the headquarters terminal; transmitting the order to the selected producing/processing terminal via the network; making the selected producing/processing terminal produce and process the item or supply the produced/processed item; and paying, when the order is received or after the produced/processed item is supplied, a purchase charge of the item or service via the orderer terminal.

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